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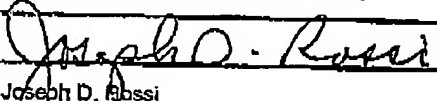
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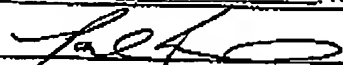
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REPLY TO FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

This paper is a Reply to the Final Action dated January 26, 2006 ("the Action") pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows:

- ☒ Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.